1 2	3	4	5	6
7. Madhya Pradesh	679	6191.00	143	6372.56
8. Mizoram	27	203.00	58	1072.50
9. Orissa	20	157.00	—	133.46
10. Tripura	Nil	0.00	62	930.00
11. Uttarakhand	Nil	0.00	—	0.00
12. Uttar Pradesh	Nil	0.00	—	0.00
13. West Bengal	170	2104.00	—	699.00
TOTAL	1832	19182.00	347	13095.60

Single-gauge network system

*178. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the action plan of the Railways to have single-gauge (broad gauge) network system in the country, with a view to unify the whole country;

(b) what is the current metre gauge and narrow gauge routes in the country, *inter-alia* that is falling on the ECoR; and

(c) the time-frame with which the narrow gauge/metre gauge routes on the ECoR would be converted to broad gauge system?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) Project Unigauge was taken up in 1992 under which it was decided to convert selected routes from Metre Gauge/Narrow Gauge into Broad Gauge. Under this Scheme, conversion of 12207 kms has already been completed upto 31.03.06 and 1225 kms is targeted for completion during 2006-07. Further, conversion works have been taken up on about 7200 kms. There is no plan to convert all the Metro Gauge/Narrow Gauge lines to broad gauge. However, as announced in the budget 2007-08, efforts would be made to convert majority of Metre Gauge lines to broad gauge during the Eleventh Five Year Plan.

(b) As on 1.4.2006, there were 11834 route kms of Metre Gauge lines and 2924 route kms of Narrow Gauge lines. There is only one Narrow Gauge line on East Coast Railway from Naupada to Gunupur with 90.20 route kms.

(c) The work of Naupada-Gunupur gauge conversion is likely to be completed during 2008-09.

Explosions in Delhi-Attari Express

*179. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether two explosions on the Delhi-Attari Express that caused a fire killed at least 66 passengers and injured number of passengers on 19th February, 2007;

(b) if so, whether his Ministry has decided to step up security on train and its departure point would be shifted to another location;

(c) whether security measures similar to those at airports have been introduced for the train and the security escort would monitor the passengers on the train and baggage identification would be carried out as at airports and sniffer dogs would also be deployed; and

(d) if so, what are the other measures being considered?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir. In the incident of fire due to explosions in two coaches of Train No. 4001 Up Delhi-Attari Express while running in Diwana - Panipat section over Delhi Division of Northern Railway in the night of 18.02.2007,68 (49 Identified and 19 Unidentified) passengers including 03 staff of Railway Protection Force (who were escorting the train) died. 12 passengers sustained injuries (07 Grievous and 05 Simple).

(b) to (d) There is no proposal at present for shifting of departure point of train no. 4001/4002 Delhi - Attari Express to another station. The security